

Date: July 2, 2014

To: Child and Adult Care Food Program and Summer Food Service Program Authorized Representatives

From: Community Nutrition Team

Subject: Community Economic Development Healthy Food Financing Initiative Projects

Description: The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Community Services (OCS) will award up to \$9.5 million in Community Economic Development (CED) discretionary grant funds to Community Development Corporations (CDCs) for community-based efforts to improve the economic and physical health of people in areas designated as food deserts. Additionally or as an alternative, applicants can point to indicators of need, such as poor access to a healthy food retail outlet, a high percentage of low-income residents, incidence of diet-related health conditions, or high concentrations of persons eligible for food assistance programs. Through the CED program and within the framework of the Healthy Food Financing Initiative (CED-HFFI), OCS seeks to fund projects that implement strategies to increase healthy food access, foster self-sufficiency for low-income families, and create sustained employment opportunities in low-income communities. To do this, the CED-HFFI program will provide technical and financial assistance for healthy food ventures designed to: (1) improve access to, and purchase and consumption of healthy, affordable foods; and (2) address the economic needs of low-income individuals and families through the creation of employment and business opportunities in low-income communities.

CED-HFFI grants will be made as part of a broader strategy to address objectives such as decreasing dependency on Federal programs, chronic unemployment, and community deterioration in urban and rural areas.

Link to Full Announcement: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2014-ACF-OCS-EE-0819>

Last Day to Apply: July 21, 2014

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